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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: A. SATOYAMA et al (see attached)

For:
STORAGE SYSTEM AND REPLICATION
CREATION METHOD THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- 14 Sheets of Drawings
 This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.
- Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-403868 (which is hereby filed December 3, 2003). A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by reference)
- Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.
- Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.
- Specification: Abstract , Description 41 pages; and 20 claim(s).
- Preliminary Amendment.
- Executed Declaration.

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